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For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE
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Petitioner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the owner of the entire interest in the above-identified application, U.S. Patent No. 5,906,828, issued May 25, 1999 and U.S. Patent No. 6,045,818, issued April 4, 2000, as evidenced by the accompanying Statements Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b). Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154-156 and 173 as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of U.S. Patent No. 5,906,828 and U.S. Patent No. 6,045,818, or any continuation thereof under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it, U.S. Patent No. 5,906,828 and U.S. Patent No. 6,045,818 are

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